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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Harold R. Aaron, USA
Acting Director of Defense Intelligence Agency

FROM: [redacted] STAT
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Review of Resource Management Staff Issue Paper on SAFE

1. As a part of our summer Program Review, my staff has developed two kinds of issue papers: some structured by specific programs (e.g., CCP, GDIP, etc.), and some by the functional areas defined by the consolidated decision units. The program-oriented issue papers will be sent to the individual Program Manager for review. For the cross program issue papers, I believe that it is desirable to have a broader review.

2. In order to adequately discuss the issues involved in the SAFE Program, I propose that that we meet on 14 July from 1000 to 1200 to review our draft issue paper on SAFE. We will make a brief summary presentation of the paper and will then open the meeting for discussion. A draft of the paper will be sent to you later today.

3. The issue paper is intended to illuminate the issues for the DCI. To that end, I believe that the review should focus on the development of the issues, the feasibility of the alternatives, the validity of the cost estimates and the statements of the consequences involved in the various alternatives, and the satisfaction of needs. We expect this will require the following matters to be addressed:

- The requirements for SAFE on the part of both DIA and CIA and the extent to which requirements which are common have been identified.

- The extent to which the cost implications of known requirements have been identified so as to permit trade-offs between requirements and cost.

- The total financial impact of equipment procurement on a term purchase arrangement.

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- o The effects on the GDIP and the CIAP of funding the Program Managers' recommended SAFE Program (less the deferred purchase cost of equipment procurement) within the DCI guidance level.

- o What will be the consequences of a one or two year delay in implementation of SAFE for DIA and CIA individually and jointly.

Written comments can be forwarded later.

4. Please let [redacted] know who will be attending the meeting. We anticipate that it would be desirable for the prospective users of the system to be represented, as well as the Project Manager's Office.

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